REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Communication mailed May 3, 2004, and in order to comply with the requirements for application disclosures containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences as defined under 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825, Applicants request entry of this amendment. The Office Communication of May 3, 2004 states that the response filed February 17, 2004 is non-responsive to the prior Office Action mailed June 23, 2003 as no sequence identifiers have been added to Figure 1C or the paragraph in the Brief Description of the Figures concerning that figure. Applicants note that neither the Office Action mailed June 23, 2003, nor the Office Communication mailed January 29, 2004 cited the lack of these sequence identifiers. However, the instant amendment responds to that requirement made in the Office Communication mailed May 3, 2004. The description of Figure 1C in the Brief Description of the Figures has been amended to conform the specification to the sequence listing filed December 11, 2001, i.e., sequence identifiers for the sequences depicted in Figure 1C have been added. This amendment contains no new matter.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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